

Oakville Ranch Napa Valley 2020 Chardonnay

A growing season that began with promise evolved into a hot summer of continued drought conditions that resulted in light fruit set and ended in deadly wildfires. Thankfully, our Bobcat block of Chardonnay, less prone to the effects of smoke due to little skin contact, were picked in a favorable weather window that offered a respite from heat and smoke and delivered nicely ripened fruit.

Fresh floral aromas lead to lush flavors of ripe peach, pear and apricot with hints of almond and cardamom. The 2020 Chardonnay is a wine of expansive flavors and great balance leading to a lengthy mouth-watering finish. It is a wine of resilience, showing that focus and determination can produce a wine of depth and beauty despite the devastating circumstances of the vintage.

Appellation	100% Oakville Ranch Bobcat Block, Napa Valley
Varietal	100% Chardonnay
Harvest Date	September 4, 2020
Fermentation	100% barrel fermented, 25% new French oak
Barrel Aging	10 months in 225L French oak barrels; 25% new
Bottling Date	July 14, 2021
Analysis	14.2% alcohol
Production	99 cases 750ml 3 cases 1.5 L

Oakville Ranch is the original mountain vineyard of the Oakville sub-appellation, a tiny district that produces some of Napa Valley's most celebrated Cabernets. The winery has crafted singular wines expressive of its distinctive terroir since 1989, when founders Robert and Mary Miner purchased the historic property with its century-old winery building and existing vineyards.

A place of dramatic beauty and dedication to organic farming, Oakville Ranch farms its hollows and terraces in a well-planned program of sustainability. Less than a quarter of the historic 370-acre property is planted to grapes, along with orchards and vegetable gardens – all cultivated in harmony with the untouched natural habitat which sustains native flora and fauna.

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